

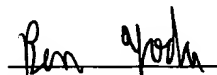
means limitations cover structures disclosed in the specification and equivalents thereof. Equivalent structures for the above-entitled application are shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. These structures create non-linear flow without changing the diameter of the restrictors. This is done with either an extended length or bends in the restrictor. The non-linear relationship is not accomplished by varying the diameter as disclosed and taught in Saaski. Changing the diameter is not an equivalent of an extended length or serpentine arrangement as disclosed in the above-entitled application. Changing the diameter is a substantially different way that requires a flexible membrane. A membrane that can fail when cycled over time. For these reasons the applicant submits that Saaski does not anticipate claims 11, 12 and 15.

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 4, 6-10, 13, 14 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saaski in view of Dykes. The applicant submits that these claims are allowable for being dependent upon allowable independent claims.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-22 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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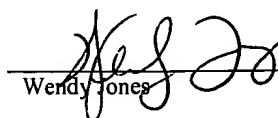
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